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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A process for selectively activating a dewaxing catalyst for the catalytic dewaxing of a waxy hydrocarbon feed which comprises: contacting the dewaxing catalyst which is ~~a molecular sieve~~ ZSM-48 in the hydrogen form on an alumina or alumina-containing binder with a carrier feed containing about 100 wppm to 10,000 wppm measured as oxygen of at least one oxygenate at a temperature of from 120 to 400°C, a hydrogen pressure of from 101 to 20786 kPa, provided that the mode of dewaxing is by isomerizing waxy molecules and the selectivity of the dewaxing catalyst is improved by isomerizing at least 4 relative % more of the wax component of the waxy molecules in the hydrocarbon feed into lube isomerate.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) The process of claim 1 wherein the oxygenate is at least one alcohol, carboxylic acid, ester, aldehyde, ketone or ether.

7. (original) The process of claim 1 wherein the oxygenate is water.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) The process of claim 1 wherein the carrier feed is the wax containing hydrocarbon feed.

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